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Mr. Bernard Dorr  
Chief, Military Liaison Branch  
Division of Acquisition and Distribution  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorr:

Although Moscow should be the prime source for Soviet publications, especially since the bookstores seem willing to sell freely, the USAF has no representation which can devote the necessary time to buying in its behalf. As a result, there is grave question whether USAF interests are properly being promoted.

Major George A. Kudravetz, an air technical liaison officer stationed with the United States Air Forces in Europe, is fluent in the Russian language. This Department desires to send this officer to Moscow for 90 days temporary duty to make a thorough study of publications collection there in relation to the USAF interest. During such temporary duty, he would be expected to survey the publications procured in contrast with those available.

Request this Headquarters be furnished your comments on this proposal. If approved, an indication of the date when this trip would be most feasible will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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